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SUBJECT: THAI MEDIA REACTION-- VANCE TO PEKING

EDITORIAL AUGUST 18 IN THE PRO-TAIWAN CHINESE-LANGUAGE BANGKOK
DAILY SHIH CHIEH JIT PAO DOUBTS THAT FULL SINO-AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED SOON. EXTRACT FOLLOWS.

(BEGIN EXTRACT)

THE CHINESE COMMUNIST CONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS
WITH THE U.S.-- SEVERING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA, WITHDRAWING AMERICAN TROOPS FROM TAIWAN AND REVOKING THE
U.S. - TAIWAN MUTUAL DEFENSE PACT-- WILL NOT BE ALTERED, EVEN THROUGH
TENG HSIAO PING HAS BEEN REINSTATED AS VICE PREMIER IN PEKING.
THESE THREE CONDITIONS WOULD NOT ONLY FORCE THE U.S. TO ABANDON
AN OLD AND COOPERATIVE FRIEND-- THE ROC-- BUT WOULD ALSO MAKE THE
U.S. BREAK ITS HISTORIC 200-YEAR OLD RECORD BY UNILATERALLY
ABROGATING A TREATY, THUS DESTROYING ITS DEFENSE POSITION IN THE
WESTERN PACIFIC. ALTHOUGH THE U.S. SUFFERED A SETBACK IN THE INDO-
CHINA WAR THREE YEARS AGO, IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT TO BOW TO CHINESE COMMUNIST DEMANDS LIKE A SLAVE.
THEREFORE, FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW, VANCE'S PEKING VISIT NEXT WEEK
IS LIKELY TO BE A SIMPLE OBSERVATION TRIP OR PROBE, AND THE
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ESTABLISHMENT OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WILL REMAIN A REMOTE
POSSIBILITY.

(END EXTRACT)

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